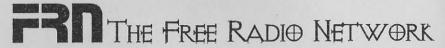


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- LATE LOGS -

CSIC: 10/13-0020-6955-AM. (HS,OH 333)

KRAP: 10/18-0101-6955-AM. (EK, Alberta as KARC)

Radio Airplane: 10/16-2210-6955-USB. (HS,OH 444)

Radio Bedroom Intentional: 10/19-2144-6955-USB, (WH,IL 254) (CD,NC 232/221) (HS,OH 433 as

unid PLS QSL)

Radio Eclipse: 10/19-0033-6955-USB. (WH,IL 254)

Radio Free Euphoria: 10/19-2040-6955-USB. (WH,IL 254) (CD,NC 232)

Radio Free Speech: 10/19-1840-6955-AM. (WH,IL 131) (CS,MD 555)
Radio Metallica WW: 10/19-0105-6955v-AM. (HE,TN excellent) (WH,IL 255) (MP,SD 333) (CD,NC

343)

Radio Nonsense: 10/18-0053-6955-USB. (MF,KY great sig!)

Radio One: 10/19-0000-6950-AM. (WH,IL 255/133)

Take It Easy Radio: 10/19-0958-6955-USB. (WH,IL 255) (MP,SD 333/444)

WARR: 10/18-0035-6950-USB. (EK, Alberta) (CD, NC 355)

10/18-0220-6955-USB. (HE,TN fair)

WEED: 10/19-0800-6955-USB. (MP,SD 232)

WRAY: 10/18-2300-6955-AM. (WH,IL 254/133 as Rave Radio) (CD,NC 555) (HS,OH 444)

WREC: 10/17-2230-6955-USB. (HE,TN fair) (CS,MD 333)

10/18-2147-6955-LSB. (CD,NC 454)

10/19-0305-6950-USB. (WH,IL 154) (CD,NC 344)

10/19-0314-6955-USB. (MP,SD 232) (WH,IL 154/133) (CD,NC 144/111)

10/19-1550-6955-USB. (CS,MD 322) (CD,NC 144)

WRYT: 10/18-2321-6955.8-AM. (CD,NC 555/111)

10/19-1700-6955-AM. (CS,MD 333)

- NORTH AMERICA - SHORTWAVE -

Altered States Radio-Merlin, ONT

Nov.1-*1903-1933*-6955-USB. Halloween pgm w/spooky sfx, X Files theme mx, rock mx, song "Barbie Girl", news item that Prince Charles is a submissive, off in mid-song. (GZ,OH 242) (MF,KY as unid PLS QSL) (JF,RI 444) (JA,NY 555) (LS,OH 252 as unid PLS QSL) (DP,VT 121) (PD,ME good) Nov.2-*1529-1600*-6955-USB. Replay of Halloween pgm, QRM from RMWW. (DP,VT 322) (PD,ME very good) (JF,RI 343/311) (GM,VA 311)

Anonymous Radio-QSL info unknown

Oct.29-*0113-0152*-6955-USB. Anner John Doe playing tunes off of Pink Floyd's "The Wall", frequent IDs, sd "you didn't hear this broadcast", gave fake address of PO Box 123, Anytown, USA. (JA,NY 333 PLS QSL) (MF,KY interesting show! PLS QSL) (EK,Alberta 343 PLS QSL) (CD,NC 342 PLS QSL) (MH,SC 333)

Nov.5-0257-0335*-6955-USB. Replay of 10/29, 0113 UTC pgm. (LS,OH 252 PLS QSL) (JF,RI 343

PLS QSL) (ER,NJ 333 PLS QSL)

CFTW-QSL info unknown

Oct.21-2154*-6955-USB. OM anner w/some rock mx, sd "brdcsting live from Quebec City". (JF,RI 444 PLS QSL)

CITH-Providence, RI

Nov.8-*0212-0247*-6925-USB. Replay of Cat In The Hat by Dr.Suess, sign on w/pirate story & "A Pirate's Life For Me", steel drum mx, ID also as "Cat In The Hat". (RTJ,TX 333)

Nov.8-*2148-2223*-6955-USB. Replay of 11/8, 0212 UTC pgm. (WH,IL 233) (JF,RI 444) (LS,OH 232) (CD,NC 111 as unid)

Nov.9-*1914-1949*-6955-USB. Green Eggs & Ham, Sneeches stories by Dr.Suess. (JF,RI 444) (WH.IL 154) (PD,ME very good) (MH,SC 343)

Friday Radio-Providence, RI

Nov.7-*2244-2324*-6925-USB. Rock mx by Deep Purple, AC/DC, Led Zeppelin, lotsa "It's Friday!" comments. (LS,OH 253) (RTJ,TX 212)

Nov.8-*0129-0209*-6955-USB. Replay of 11/7, 2244 UTC pgm. (WH,IL 144 as TGIF) (RTJ,TX 333) (ZR, AZ 222)

He-Man Radio-Blue Ridge Summit, PA

Nov.8-*0008-0040*-6925-USB. He-Man w/his Halloween pgm, tunes:"Yellow River", "Don't Fear The Reaper", "Hooked On A Feeling", mailbag, mentioned Talea Jurrens sent him a pic of herself in a bikini, sd it was the 7th year in a row stn has been on for Halloween & would have been on a week earlier but had to attend a breast feeding clinic! (RTJTX 313/212)

Nov.8-*0054-0126*-6955-USB. Halloween pgm. (WH,IL 254) (RTJ,TX 333) (ZR,AZ 233)

Nov.8-*0409-0441*-6955-USB, Halloween pgm, (RTJ,TX 131) (JF,RI 444) (PD,ME very good) Nov.8-*2114-2146*-6955-USB. Halloween pgm. (WH,IL 144) (LS,OH 252) (JF,RI 444) (MF,KY

Jerry Rigged Radio-Providence, RI

Nov.1/2-2333-0016*-6925.7-AM. Irish mx, songs by Squirrel Nut Zippers, Fleetwood Mac, Ren & Stimpy theme mx, tx abt mosquitos, sd using 20 watts & moved down in freq to avoid over-crowding & jamming on 6955. (JF,RI 333/433)

KCHZ-Sierra Madre, CA

weak) (CD,NC 352)

Oct.31-0009-0355*-6954.6-USB. Relay of VOT Abnormal& the Yukon Jack Halloween Special followed by the Yukon Jimmy Show, QRT w/"Monster Mash". (RK, KS 333) (CS, MD 333 as unid PLS OSL) (JA, NY 343/111) (LS, OH 253) (EK, Alberta 534) (RTJ, TX 534) (CD, NC 121 as unid PLS QSL) (HS, OH 333) (MH, SC 131)

KOLD-Stoneham, MA

Nov.2-0331-0343*-6955-USB. Host Aldo Baptista w/swing mx. (JF,RI 242)

KRAP-Blue Ridge Summit, PA

Oct.24-0026-0125*6955-AM, Mx & IDs. (LS,OH 454) (EK,Alberta 444)

Nov.10-0124-0154-6925-AM. BTO & country mx, sd new 100 w xmtr. (RR,CA S9+ great audio!) (MH,SC 555)

KSOB-OSL info unknown

Nov.1-0115-6955-USB, OM calling CQ for all pirates to brdcst. (BO,CA 322 PLS QSL)

Lounge Lizard Radio-Providence, RI

Nov.1-2303-2329*-6925-USB, Dean Soundgarden w/replay of pgm #4, (RB,Germany 222) (MH,SC 333) (JF,RI 344) (GZ,OH 343+)

Mystery Radio-Stoneham, MA

Nov.1-0115-0140+-6955-USB. Pgm of Halloween electronic mx & spooky sfx. (GZ,OH 343/242) (LS,OH 252) (MP,NY 232) (RTJ,TX) (CD,NC 121) (ZR,AZ 323 unique pgm!)

Nov.2-0336-0413*-6955-USB. Replay of 11/1, 0115 UTC pgm. (RTJ,TX fair)

Nov.2-2254-2312*-6930-AM. Replay of 11/1, 0115 UTC pgm. (RTJ,TX 212)

Nov.8-*0249-0332*-6925-USB. Stereo Dreams show, YL anner mentioned "a journey into sound", electronic mx. (RTJ,TX 222/121)

Nov.15-0635-6955-USB. Replay of Stereo Dreams pgm. (BO,CA 444)

One Voice Radio-Belfast, NY

Oct.24-*2300-2321*-6955-USB. Host Joe w/health tx abt Vitamin C, prostate cancer, skin aging, polio immunization, mx by Aretha Franklin. (CS,MD 444 great to see return of another old stn!) (KN,MI fair) (LS,OH 353) (JF,RI 344) (NW,ONT good) (CD,NC 342) (MH,SC 343)

Nov.2-*2333-2354*-6955-USB. Replay of 10/24,2300 UTC show. (EK,Alberta as unid) (CD,NC 332/111) (MH,SC 343)

Radio 26th October-QSL info unknown

Oct.26-1753-1808*-11092.5-USB. OM anner sd "broadcasting from the island of St. Helena", ad for Club Mohamed, rock mx including "Won't You Be My Neighbor" by Ugly Kid Joe. (MP,NY 333 PLS OSL) (ER,NY 333 PLS OSL) (JF,RI 1-242 PLS OSL) (CS,OH,131)- stn was part of the Radio Eurogeek pgm. (JF)

Radio Atlantica-QSL info unknown

Nov.8-2248-6955-USB. Sd "Testing, this is Grandpa on R.Atlantica". (WH,IL 254)

Radio Azteca-Belfast, NY

Nov.1-*1935-2007*-6955-USB. Host Bram Stoker w/pgm #26, mailbag, Actual Stuff, The Flushing Report, Ask Dr.Radio, Top 10 All-Time Joke Puchlines, thanked NAPRS & WREC for relays, ZZ Top tune. (GZ,OH 242) (MF,KY weak) (JF,RI 444 great pgm!) (JA,NY 454 great show!) (LS,OH 253) (DP, VT 222) (PD, ME very good) (MH, SC 232)

Nov.1-*2225-2257*-6955-USB. Replay of pgm #26. (GZ,OH 343+) (LS,OH 354) (EK,Alberta 343) (JF,RJ 444) (RTJ,TX 111) (MH,SC 232)

Nov.2-*0344-0416*-6955-USB. Replay of pgm #26. (RTJ.TX 212) (JF.RI 242)

Nov.2-*1616-1648*-6955-USB. Replay of pgm #26. (JF,RI 444) (GZ,OH 343) (DP,VT 333) (PD,ME

Nov.2-*2254-2326*-6955-USB, Replay of pgm #26. (LS.OH 454) (EK,Alberta 343 great pgm!) (RTJ,TX 111) (CD,NC 343/332) (ZR,AZ 221) (MH,SC 343)

Nov.16-*1719-1805*-6954.6-AM. Replay of pgm #26, possible xmtr trouble w/dead air for several minutes. (DP.VT 232) (PD.ME good to very good) (LS,OH 222) (JF,RI 444)

Radio Eclipse-Providence, RI

Oct.26-*1557-1629*-6955-USB. Replay of Season Finale show. (GZ,OH 454) (JF,RI 344) (JA,NY 454) (PD.ME good)

Oct.27-2304-2318+-6955-USB. Host Steve Mann w/a retrospective look back on past R.Eclipse pgms, sd brdcst may be final show due to a new job but will return in mid-Nov. w/a new stn name, mx by The Dead Kennedy's, Our Lady Peace, The Smithereens, The Moody Blues, funny ads for

Ass Heal, Sunny Delight Douche, Transmission Trap, replayed Ebonics Heaven's Gate skits, News Of The Week segments, thanked R.Tellus, WREC & Anteater R. for their help, QRT w/"Goodbye To You" song. (LS,OH 254)

Oct.28-0126-0150-6955-USB. Replay of 10/27, 2304 UTC pgm. (EK,Alberta) (CD,NC 243/111) (MH,SC 242)

Oct.28-*2231-2250+-6955-USB. Replay of 10/27, 2304 UTC pgm. (HE,TN very good) (JA,NY 555) (GM, VA 444 very funny!)

Nov.1-*2122-2218*-6955-USB, Replay of 10/27, 2304 UTC pgm. (JF,RI 444 great show!) (GZ,OH 343-) (MF.KY weak as unid PLS OSL) (LS,OH 232) (DP,VT 131)

Nov.2-*0417-0513*-6955-USB. Replay of 10/27, 2304 UTC pgm. (RTJ,TX 424)

Nov.2-1308-1405*-6955-USB. Replay of 10/27, 2304 UTC pgm. (GZ,OH 454+) (JF,RI 344) (MF,KY) (LS,OH 252) (MP,NY 454) (PD,ME very good) (MH,SC 343)

"Nov.2-*2155-2251* -6955U. Replay 10/27, 2304 UTC pgm. (MF,KY) (LS,OH 354) (CD,NC 332)

Nov.3-0129-0225-6955-USB, Replay of 10/27, 2304 UTC pgm. (EK,Alberta 343) (ZR,AZ 333)

Nov.8-0630-0655*-6955-USB. Green Day tunes, ID as "The stn formerly known as R.Eclipse", requested reports. (ER,NJ 444)

Nov.13-2253-2331*-6955-USB. First part of pgm was VOT Long Run parody bit with hosts The Disco Strangler & Captain No-Crunch, into Season Premier Show w/mx by Run DMC, The Kinks, Billy Joel, Jane's Addiction, News Of The Week Segment, ad for Captain No-Beard's School of Brdcsting, funny request/dedication bit, editorial abt pirate radio, QRT w/"What A Wonderful World". (RTJ,TX 444)

Nov.14-0311-0319-6955-USB. Replay of Season Premier. (PD,ME poor)

Nov.14-1414-1427-6955-USB, Replay of Season Premier. (GM, VA 444 funny!)

Nov.14-*2320-2358*-6954.9-AM. Replay of Season Premier.(PD,ME good to very good great show!) (JF.RI 555 great pgm!)

Nov.15-1414-1451*-6954.9-AM. Replay of Season Premier. (JF,RI 444)

Nov.15-1850-1906+-6954.5-AM. Replay of Season Premier. (LS,OH 554) (JF,RI 444)

Nov.16-1712-1719-6954.3-AM. Replay of Season Premier. (PD,ME poor)

Nov.16-2115-2155*-6954.9-AM, Replay Season Premier. (PD,ME fair) (JF,RI 444) (LS,OH 454)

Radio Eurogeek-Providence, RI

Oct.26-1720-1808*-11092.5-USB. First Anniversary pgm, Sven Hauser, Harpo Marks & Andy Sennett contacting prominent DXers to confirm reports abt terrorism on St.Helena, mentioned Nick Grace awaiting execution in Indonesia for defacing public toilets, stn taken over by Radio 26 October "VOT Euro Terrorist Alliance". (ER,NJ 333 brilliant pgm!) (JF,RI 141) (JA,NY 232) (MH,SC 343)

Nov.9-0157-0235-6955-USB. Replay of First Anniversary pgm. (LS,OH 252) (RTJ,TX 444/242) (CS,OH 131) (RR,CA 433) (MH,SC 141/242) (ZR,AZ 444)

Nov.16-*2215-2324*-6955-USB. Replay of First Anniversary pgm. (CS,OH 141) (JF,RI 242) (LS,OH 252)

Radio Four-OSL info unknown

Nov.2-1244-1305*-6958.3-AM. New stn w/host Automation, echo IDs & one in Spanish, funny ad for Reginald Denny's, rock tones:"It's Allright", "She Love Me, She Loves Me Not", "Give Me Someone

To Live For", sd "a proud member of chickpea brdcsting" at QRT. (LS,OH 353 as unid PLS QSL) (JF,RI 444 PLS QSL) (PD,ME good PLS QSL)

Nov.2-*1659-1720*-6958.3-AM. Replay of 11/2, 1244 UTC show. (JF,RI 444 PLS QSL) (JA,NY 333 PLS QSL) (PD, ME good PLS QSL)

Radio Free Euphoria-Belfast, NY

Nov.2-1902-1944-6955-USB. Pro-marijuana pgm. (LS,OH 253) (DP,VT 121) (MH,SC 242)

Radio Free Speech-Blue Ridge Summit, PA & Belfast, NY

Oct.25-1311+-6955-AM. Replay of Halloween pgm. (NW,ONT fair) (LS,OH 353)

Oct.25-2343-2350*-6955-AM. Replay of Halloween pgm. (NW,ONT good)

Oct.26-1311-1348*-6955-AM. Replay of "I'm Really Going To Retire This Time" pgm. (MP,NY 3-454) (GZ,OH 454+) (NW,ONT fair) (LS,OH 353) (JA,NY 555 great pgm!) (DP,VT 232) (MH,SC 343) Oct.26-*1431-1450*-6955-AM. Replay of 10/26, 1334 UTC pgm. (MP,NY) (GZ,OH 353+) (JA,NY 343) (MH,SC 242)

Oct.26-*1835-1844*-6955-AM. Replay of Halloween pgm. (GZ,OH 353+)

Oct.26-*2239-2242-6950-AM. Replay of Halloween pgm. (MH,SC 343)

Oct.26-2335-2342-6955-AM. Replay of Halloween pgm. (LS,OH 353)

Oct.31-*2216-2225*-6955-AM. Replay of Halloween pgm. (MP,NY 444)

Oct.31/Nov.1-*2358-0007*-6955-AM. Replay of Halloween pgm. (JF,RI 333)

Nov.2-*1423-1432*-6955-AM. Replay of Halloween pgm, QRM from WPUP. (GZ,OH 322-) (JF,RI 343) (GM,VA 344)

Radio Halloween-Belfast, NY

Oct.27-0020-0029*.6955-AM. Host Tommy Pickles w/mx by Alice Cooper, story abt a haunted mansion, lotsa screams & cackles. (CS,MD)

Oct.29-0005-0029*-6955-AM. Replay of 10/27, 0020 UTC show. (JA,NY 555) (HS,OH 444) (MH,SC

Oct.29-0113-0133*-6925-AM. Replay of 10/27, 0020 UTC show. (CS,MD 222/333) (MH,SC 131)

Oct.31-0405-0412-6954.7-AM. Replay of 10/27, 0020 UTC show. (RK,KS 131)

Nov.1-*1501-1522+-6955-AM. Replay of 10/27, 0020 UTC show. (JA,NY 555) (PD,ME good to very good)

Radio Metallica Worldwide-Blue Ridge Summit, PA

Oct.25-0155-0230-6955-AM. Seemed to be having modulation trouble. (LS,OH 352) (PD, ME poor) (MH.SC 444)

Oct.26-0017-0146*-6953v-AM. Rock mx by The Who, The Scorpions, Dr.Tornado sd he had a Coast Guard inspection on the boat. (MP,NY 343) (NW,ONT good) (LS,OH 353) (CD,NC 453) (RR,CA 211) Nov.2-*1448-1501*-6951v-AM. Testing w/rock mx by The Scorpions, Heart, quick QRT.

(GZ,OH 555) (PD,ME very good) (JF,RI 555) (DP,VT 544) (GM,VA 555) (MH,SC 444)

Nov.2-1505-1523*-6958.4v-AM. Testing w/mx by Heart, Nirvana, songs "Earth Angel", "Hey Masturbator", sd hello to WREC & R.Eclipse, Beavis & Butthead clips, funny ad for Pagan Ritual Pigout. (MP,NY good) (JF,RI 555) (PD,ME excellent)

Nov.2-1538-1600-6958.5-AM. Mx by Heart, Dire Straits. (PD,ME excellent)

Nov.3-*0002-0047*-6957.2v-AM. Older mx. (EK,Alberta 544) (JF,RI 232) (RTJ,TX) (ZR,AZ 413) Nov.19-0010-6955-AM. No details noted. (LS,OH 252)

Radio Nonsense-Belfast, NY

Oct.20-2309-2345*-6955-USB. Joe Mamma w/mx by Lynyrd Skynyrd, "I Like Chinese" by Monty Python, funny ads for Preparation S&M, White World Of Sports, Pornography Salesman, The Shark Channel, Ah So, QRT w/Beavis & Butthead. (KN,MI poor good stuff! (JF,RI 243 great show!) (JA,NY 454)

Oct.25-*0045-0130*-6955-USB. Replay of 10/20, 2309 UTC show. (CS,MD 333) (JF,RI 343) (KN,MI poor) (NW,ONT fair) (EK,Alberta) (LS,OH 253) (MH,SC 343)

Oct.27-0031-0114*-6955-USB. The Immigrant skit, played "Dancin' Fool" by Frank Zappa, mx by Guns & Roses, George Thoroughgood. (HE,TN fair) (JF,RI 242) (LS,OH 253) (PD,ME good)

Nov.1-*0007-0051*-6955-USB. Replay of 10/27, 0048 UTC pgm, Joe Mama wished everyone a Happy Halloween @QRT. (LS,OH 252) (MP,NY 343) (JF,RI 243) (RTJ,TX 555 great pgm!) (EK,Alberta 443 great pgm!) (CD,NC 111 as unid) (PD,ME poor) (GM,VA 232) (ZR,AZ 233 as unid)

Nov.2-0049-0053+-6955-USB. Mx by Lou Reed, Mike & The Mechanics. (JA,NY 232) (LS,OH 253) (EK,Alberta 343) (RR,CA 211)

Nov.5-0213-0220-6925-USB, Caught end of brdcst. (LS,OH 254)

Nov.7-0245-0313-6955-USB. Mx & parody ads. (ZR,AZ 433)

Nov.15-0243-0317-6955-USB. Replay of 10/20, 2309 UTC pgm. (PD,ME fair) (RR,CA 242) (LS,OH 252)

Radio One-Belfast, NY

Nov.2-0207-0228-6950-AM. Oldies including "Kind Of A Drag", "Rainy Day Bells". (PD,ME fair) (RTJ,TX 544)

Radio USA-Belfast, NY

Nov.15-2122-2300-6956.2v to 6960.5v-USB. Radio Shack parody ad, RUDX segment, mx by The Lunatics, Mr.Blue Sky w/editorial abt RF Berkley, relayed Britian's Better Mx Stn as part of show, very drifty xmtr. (PD,ME fair) (LS,OH 452)

Nov.16-*1940-2008*-6955-USB. Replay of an older pgm w/mx by The Clash, Megazoni Tool Kit segment, funny ads for Anacide 3, Joe Bob's, MacIntosh's Pet Store, t-shirt plug mentioned Joe King having a date. (PD,ME fair) (JF,RI 444 great pgm!) (LS,OH 454)

Real Alternative Radio-Blue Ridge Summit, PA

Nov.16-*2015-2046*-6955-USB. New stn w/OM annor, played alternative mx by un-signed bands incl The Screaming Popeyes, mx "Dolby Smiles", relay via Radio Eclipse. (JF,RI 444 cool mx!) (LS,OH 455)

RFM-Belfast, NY

Nov.8-*1813-1856*-6955-USB. HV Short w/multilingual IDs, rock mx by Iron Butterfly, ZZ Top, Steppenwolf, Clinton parody tune, funny ads for Horny Barbie, Hindu Skynyrd, PMS Barbie, some instrumental mx, sd "licensed by the director of cosmic forces". (JF,RI 555 great show!) (ER,NJ 444) (LS,OH 253) (DP,VT 131)

Nov.8-2231-2301+-6925-USB. Replay of 11/8, 1813 UTC show. (JF,RI 141) (CD,NC 443)

Nov.9/10-2336-0007-6955-USB. Replay of 11/8, 1813 UTC show. (WH,IL 255) (LS,OH 253) (RTJ,TX 222 as tent.) (CD,NC 343) (CS,OH 242) (ZR,AZ 222 as unid) (MH,SC 343/242)

Solid Rock Radio-Belfast, NY

Oct.20-2245-2251-6955-USB. Mx including "Rubber Band Man", some oldies. (KN,MI good)

Oct.25-1305*-6955-USB, Hrd QRT w/"Karma Chameleon", (NW,ONT poor)

Oct.26-1237+-6954.9-USB. Rock mx, sd power increased to 1500 watts. (MP,NY 353)

Oct.26-1952-2006*-6955-USB. Pgm of soul & rap mx, sd hello to George Zeller, Andrew Yoder, Radio Metallica. (GZ,OH 252)

Nov.1-2050-2137-6955-USB. On at same time as WREC then Radio Eclipse. (LS,OH 232)

Nov.9-1352-6955-USB. Tunes by Blue Swede, America, Lynyrd Skynyrd, anned a trivia contest of sports, mx & general interest questions. (DP,VT 131)

Nov.9-1512-1538+-6955-USB. Tx abt FBI report on JFK assasination. (MP,NY 252 & improved)

Nov.15-2303-2308+-6955-USB. Reading reception reports, announced new stationn website. (PD,ME good)

Nov.16-1428-6955-USB. Replay of 11/9, 1352 UTC show. (DP,VT 131)

Stereo Sound Radio-sd report to FRN Grapevine

Nov.9-2335+-6955-USB. Tunes:"American Pie", "Don't Look Back", "Walk On The Wild Side". (RTJ,TX 424) (CD,NC 343) (PD,ME good PLS QSL) (GM,VA 333) (CS,OH 122 PLS QSL) (RR,CA 232) (ZR,AZ 444)

Take It Easy Radio-Belfast, NY

Oct.25-0311+-6955-USB, Mx by John Fogerty. (NW,ONT fair)

Oct.25-0346+-6950-USB, Mx by Boston, (NW,ONT fair)

Nov.1-0635-0645-6950-USB. Tx abt being the late night pirate, gave credit to other stns like Radio Free Speech. (BO,CA 444-) (PD,ME very good)

Nov.2-0612-0627-6955-USB. Southern rock mx, sd "hello radio, hello shortwave" & other strange ramblings. (RR,CA 353)

Nov.8-2018-2113*-6955-USB. Mx by The Outlaws, BTO, mentioned listener request pgm & contest to win a pirate flag, Ajax Liquor Store bit, said hello to various stations, comment on scanner law & Congress. (MF,KY S8 great show!) (LS,OH 252) (JF,RI 444) (RTJ,TX 555) (CD,NC 555) (HS,OH 444) Nov.9-0015-0106-6955-USB. Pgm of blues, rock mx, some comedy, banter between OMs, QRT w/*Take It Easy". (WH,IL 254) (LS,OH 252) (EK,Alberta 344) (RTJ,TX 555) (CD,NC 111) (CS,OH 142) (RR,CA) (ZR,AZ 444)

Nov.15-*0725+-6955-USB. Sign on w/OM giving stn ID, played Eagles mx, sd "whoever doesn't like Eagles mx must be a Communist!". (BO,CA 454)

Nov.15-1004+-6955-USB. Linda Ronstadt mx. (PD,ME very good)

The New Voices Of The Purple Pumpkin-QSL info unknown

Oct.26-*2015-2059*-6954.8-AM. New stn w/lotsa classic rock mx, gave history of the pirate stns using the "Purple Pumpkin" slogan over the years. (GZ,OH 353+) (LS,OH 454 PLS QSL) (JA,NY 555 PLS QSL) (MH,SC 241 PLS QSL)

Oct.31-2207-2249*-6954.7-AM. Replay of 10/26, 2015 UTC pgm, QRM from R.Free Speech. (CS,MD 333 PLS QSL) (MF,KY PLS QSL) (JF,RI 322 as unid PLS QSL) (LS,OH 353 PLS QSL) (MP,NY fair) (MH,SC 121/131)

Voice Of Anarchy-Blue Ridge Summit, PA

Nov.1-0032-0041*-6949.4-AM. Spooky sfx, ID given by Linda Longwire, sd "This is the VO Anarchy from Chicago, IL". (JF,RI 433)

Voice Of Shortwave Radio-Blue Ridge Summit, PA

Oct.24/25-*2358-0044*-6955-USB. Computer vx w/ID & maildrop info, War Of The Worlds pgm, Bob Dylan parody bit, QRT w/National Anthem & blaring siren sfx. (CS,MD 444/111) (KN,MI poor) (NW,ONT good) (JF,RI 2-343) (EK,Alberta) (LS,OH 353) (EK,Alberta 454 great sig & audiol) (CD,NC 443) (MH,SC 343)

Voice Of The Runaway Maharishi-Belfast, NY & Providence, RI

Oct.25-1949-2030*-6955-USB. The Maharishi w/pgm of mx by The Grateful Dead & Smashing Pumpkins, requested a 500 word essay for a QSL. (NW,ONT fair) (GZ,OH 252) (LS,OH 252) (JF,RI 141) (CS,MD 222/111) (JA,NY 343) (MH,SC 131)

Oct.25-2055-2107*-6955-USB. Parody rock mx sung w/different words by The Maharishi, mention of Maharishi Madness CD. (LS,OH 252) (CS,MD 222/111) (GZ,OH 252+) (MH,SC 232)

Nov.1-2008-2048-6955-USB. Beatles piano clip, cameo ID by Ronald Reagan, mention of "tripping around the planet". (MH,SC 333/311) (JA,NY 333) (LS,OH 232)

WARR-Belfast, NY

Oct.22/23-2356-0029-6955-USB. Usual stuff. (LS,OH 252 PLS QSL) (CD,NC 453)

Oct.23-0046-0122-6955-USB, Usual stuff. (LS,OH 252 PLS QSL)

Nov.5-0057-0127*-6955-USB. Usual stuff. (LS,OH 252) (EC,MI 434 good show!) (ZR,AZ 333)

Nov.5-0209-0218+-6955-USB. Mx:"Down In A Hole" by Alice In Chains, tx abt FRN website. (ZR, AZ 333)

Nov.17-0122-0128-6955-USB. Mentions of High Times & NORML. (PD, ME fair) (LS, OH 252)

WDRR-Belfast, NY

Oct.31-2120-2154*-6955-AM. Halloween rockabilly tunes: "Everybody Howl", "Howl At The Moon", "Creature From The Black Lagoon", ad for Winston Cigarettes, OM annor mentioned listeners who wrote in, slogan of "Desperate Rock & Roll Radio". (CS,MD 433/322) (JA,NY 454) (LS,OH 454 PLS QSL) (MP,NY 242/343)

Nov.1-1640-6955-AM. Replay of 10/31, 2120 UTC show. (DP, VT 121 as unid)

WFRR (?)-QSL info unknown

Oct.26-1953-2005*-6955-USB, Hrd a couple of songs, QRT in middle of announcing a drop. (LS,OH 253 PLS QSL)

WHAM-sd report to Dialogs

Nov.7-2350-2356*-6955-USB. Hrd end of brdcst, some mx, mentioned possible Internet address. (LS, OH 252 PLS OSL)

Nov.8-0028-0032*-6955-USB. Anner Wildman w/test brdcst, played "Do You Think I'm Sexy" by Rod Stewart. (ER,NJ 333 PLS QSL) (EC,MI 444 PLS QSL)

Witch City Radio-Belfast, NY

Oct.26-*2220-2255*-6925-AM. Cackling witch IS, mx by Alice Cooper, op read "Fall Of The House Of Usher", QRM from digital ute. (CS,MD 322/555)

Oct.29-0149-0212-6925-AM. Replay of 10/26, 2220 UTC pgm. (CS,MD 333)

Oct.31-2301-2347-6925-AM. Replay of 10/26, 2220 UTC pgm. (LS,OH 252) (CD,NC 121 unid)

Nov.1-*1310-1332*-6955-AM. Replay of 10/26, 2220 UTC pgm. (JA,NY 454) (LS,OH 333 as unid PLS QSL)

WLIS-Blue Ridge Summit, PA

Oct.24-*2323-2354*-6955-USB. Replay of Robert Ross FM salute pgm. (EK,Alberta) (JF,RI 344) (NW,ONT good) (KN,MI poor) (CS,MD 555/444) (CD,NC 343) (LS,OH 253) (MH,SC 343)

WMFQ-Providence, RI

Nov. 7/8-*2328-0007*-6925-USB, Pgm of instrumental mx, songs by Vanilla Ice, Barry White,

The Cars, also played "The Lord's Prayer" & "The Streak". (MH,SC 242)

Nov.8-*0444-0523*-6955-USB. Replay of 11/7, 2328 UTC show. (ER,NJ 444) (JF,RI 444/242) (RTJ.TX 131) (PD,ME fair)

Nov.8-1630-1703*-6925*USB. Replay of 11/7, 2328 UTC show. (LS,OH 252)

WMPR-OSL info unknown

Oct.25-2302+-6955-AM. Techno mx & IDs. (JA,NY 344) (EK,Alberta 343) (PD,ME good) (MH,SC 433)

Oct.26-*1349-1435*-6955-AM. Pgm of techno dance mx, frequent OM IDs, slogan of "WMPR Dance Party", anner sd "Micropower Radio" @QRT. (GZ,OH 353+/252-) (NW,ONT fair) (MP,NY 454) (LS,OH 354 PLS OSL) (JA,NY 555) (CD,NC 443) (MH,SC 444)

Oct.26-*1455-1541*-6955-AM. Similar to 10/26, 1349 UTC show. (GZ,OH 454+) (JA,NY 555) (MH.SC 444)

Nov.1-0233-0330-6955-AM. Techno mx, more tx than usual on IDs. (RTJ,TX 545)

Nov.1/2-*2354-0015+-6955.2-AM. Similar to 10/26, 1349 UTC show. (JF,RI 444/141) (RTJ,TX) (PD,ME good PLS OSL)

Nov.2-*1804-1850*-6955.2-AM. Similar to 10/26, 1349 UTC show. (GZ,OH 343+) (JF,RI 333 PLS OSL) (LS,OH 454 PLS OSL) (HS,OH 444 PLS OSL) (MH,SC 444)

Nov.9-1635-1652-6955-AM. Usual format. (LS,OH 454 PLS QSL) (MF,KY very weak as WMER PLS QSL) (MH,SC 343)

Nov.9-*2222-2309-6955.3-AM. Sign on w/tune by Enya, techo dance mx, distorted audio (WH,IL 354/132) (CD,NC 554) (PD,ME good to very good) (CS,OH 212 PLS QSL) (ZR,AZ 333)

WPUP-Belfast, NY

Nov.2-1413-1448*-6954-USB. Pgm of rock/reggea mx, OM annor w/themes of puppies & marijuana legalization, slogan of "Puppies Using Pot", QRM during short R.Free Speech brdcst. (MF,KY) (GZ,OH 343/322) (JF,RI 141 as unid) (JA,NY 343) (MH,SC 312)

WREC-Belfast, NY & Blue Ridge Summit, PA

Oct.31-*2251-2354*-6955-USB. Mx by White Zombie, Dead Kennedys, gave live TC then replayed Halloween pgm from 1995, QRT w/"Mr.Sandman". (JA,NY 444) (LS,OH 252) (RTJ,TX) (CD,NC 121) Nov.1-*0537-0640*-6955-USB. Replay of 10/31,2251 UTC pgm, live TCs. (RTJ,TX 343) (SF,NY 444) (PD,ME good)

Nov.1-*2012-2058*-6955-USB, Replay of pgm #33. (GZ,OH 242) (JF,RI 444) (LS,OH 233) (DP,VT 322) (PD,ME very good)

WRYT-Belfast, NY

Oct.21-2333-2358*-6957.1-AM. Rock mx by The Who, Stevie Ray Vaughn, mailbag segment. (JF,RI 242/444)

"Oct.26-2248-2321*-6957.5-AM. Rock mx, song by Weird Al, sd "say no to rap, hip-hop & all that other bullshit". (MP,NY 444 w/QRN) (HE,TN very good) (LS,OH 453) (CS,MD 333) (HS,OH 444 as unid PLS QSL) (PD,ME very good)

Nov.2-1725-1802*-6957.6v-AM. Pgm of 80's rock mx, tunes by Eric Clapton, Jane's Addiction. (JA,NY 555) (JF,RI 232) (LS,OH 454) (HS,OH 444) (DP,VT 121 as unid)

Nov.5-2317-2341-6955-AM. Rock mx, crank phone calls. (RTJ,TX 444) (CD,NC 211) (ZR,AZ 233) (MH,SC 343)

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Oct.19-0810-6954.9-USB. Clinton speech aboutt healthcare, music by Pink Floyd, Hendrix. (DP,VT 211)

Oct.20-0006-0009-6955-LSB. Song in Mexican. (CD,NC 255)

Oct.25-0824-6955-USB. Hrd "Caught In A Trap" by Presley. (DP,VT 121)

Oct.25-2114-2119*-6955.5-USB, "Home By The Sea" by Genesis & "Wishing" by Flock Of Seagulls. (NW,ONT good) (JF,RI 444) (JA,NY 232) (PD,ME good)

Oct.25-2144-2148-6955-USB, 80's dance mx, Thompson Twins?, (PD,ME good)

Oct.25-2230-2235-6955-USB, Played "Inagoddadivida". (CS,MD 333 PLS QSL) (PD.ME good)

Oct.26-0444-0503-6955-USB. Rock mx, no tx. (RR,CA 342)

Oct.26-1640-1644-6955-USB. Porno movie audio. (PD,ME good PLS QSL)

Oct.26-2325-2335-6955.1-USB. Tunes by same OM singer including "Big Iron On His Hip". (CS,MD 555 PLS QSL) (JF,RI 444 PLS QSL) (LS,OH 354 PLS QSL)

Oct.27/28-2350-0004-6955-AM. Hrd what sounded like Christian mx, stn had been going on & off for past half hour. (CS,MD 333 PLS QSL) (HS,OH 444 PLS QSL)

Oct.28-*2222-2229*-6955-AM. Obscene #'s stn. (JA,NY 555)

Oct.29-0048-0051-6955-AM, Testing w/Big Band mx. (JA,NY 444)

Oct.29-2337-2347-6955-USB. Music including "Super Freak", "Soul Man". (CS,MD 444 PLS QSL)
Nov.1-1325-1402-6955-USB. Gospel music & preaching. (MF,KY PLS QSL) (LS,OH 333 PLS QSL)
Nov.1/2-2305-0031-6955-USB. Pop mx, echo IDs, Halloween skits. (EK,Alberta 242 PLS QSL)

(ZR, AZ 122)

Nov.1-2332-2354+-6955-USB. OM laughter, played song "Cumbersome", QRM from WMPR. (HS,OH 242 PLS ID/QSL) Nov.1-0940-0949-6955-USB. Easy Listening mx, ID as "? Radio". (CD,NC 111) Nov.2-0200+-6953-LSB. NY drop, heavy metal mx, laughing & sfx. (RTJ,TX 333) Nov.2-1609-1613-6955-USB. Glenn Hauser parody w/ment of Alan Weiner. (PD,ME fair PLS OSL) Nov.2-2220-2252*-6955-7. Lots of pop mx, gave RI drop, QRT w/"as Elvis would say". (EK, Alberta 233 PLS ID/QSL) Nov.3-2338-2356+-6955-USB. Old time swing mx. (ZR,AZ 122) Nov.4-0119-0133-6955-USB, "Goodbye England's Rose", evil laughter. (RTJ,TX 222) Nov.7-0013-6925-USB. Weak mx. (JF,RI 242) Nov.8-0029-0034*-6955-USB. Mx, OM anner sd a few words then QRT. (LS,OH 252 PLS QSL) Nov.8-0340-0525+-6939.9-AM. OM anner, unid mx. (JF,RI 141 PLS ID/QSL) Nov.8-1904-1926*-6955-USB. Loop tape of "Goodbye England's Rose" w/Alice Cooper "I Love The Dead" & Ozzy Osbourne "Killing Yourself To Live" dubbed between verses. (ER,NJ 333 PLS QSL) (JF,RI 242 PLS QSL) Nov.8-2148-2204-6955-AM. "Satisfaction" The Rolling Stones. (MF,KY PLS ID/QSL (WH,IL Nov.8-2150-2203-6955-USB. Ment Hoffa, asked "What's on God's mind?". (LS,OH 232 PLS Nov.8-2223-2230-6955v-USB/LSB. Rock mx, switched modes. (WH,IL 254) Nov.9-0001-0009-6937.2-AM. Instrumental mx w/vx over, lotsa reverb. (RR,CA 444) Nov.9-*0150-0153*-6955-USB. Song "We Want The Airwaves". (RR,CA 444) Nov.9-0307-6955-USB. Jerky Boys crank call. (PD,ME good) Nov.9/10-*2335-0023-6955-USB. "Freebird" parody, parody ad, NY drop. (RR,CA very weak) Nov.10-0237-0242-6955-USB. Mx, Spanish YL, laughing. (RR,CA weak) Nov.10-0245-0249-6925-USB. Mx. (RR,CA weak) Nov.12-2346-2351-6955-USB. Song by Stevie Wonder. (RTJ,TX 434) Nov.14-0554-0623-6955-AM. Tunes:"Only Rock & Roll", "Squeeze Box", "Big Ten Inch", "Still Gotta Long Way To Go". (RTJ,TX 222/424) Nov.15-*1555-1557-6955-USB. Unid mx. (JF,RI 444) Nov.16-0015-0027*-6953.6-AM. Johnny Cash mx incl "Man In Black". (JF,RI 333 PLS ID/QSL) Nov.16-*1851-1856*-6955-USB. OM singing "Amazing Grace", "I've Got The Joy". (JF,RI 444 PLS OSL) *************

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DX NEWS OF INTEREST

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On behalf of the entire staff and management of The A*C*E, I'd like to extend the very best of Holiday Greetings to the membership. Hope you all get the "interactive Barney", "Tickle Me Elmo", or Cathy Upchuck dolls you want so much!

What's News - the media report

FCC attacks on FM microcasters continue, with visits and equipment seizures around the Boston area. Several small stations were shut down, including WDOA, and in one case a transmitter was seized. This information was published in FRW and PiPa, so I won't cover it more deeply here.

One station the FCC would like to shut down, but hasn't been able to, is Tampa's Party Pirate operating at 102.1 with more than 100 watts for nearly two years. The station operator, Doug Brewer, tried to obtain a license but was refused, so he set up shop in his converted garage began broadcasting biker rock anyhow. A complaint from WHPT, which runs 100kW on 102.5, claims the pirate is "causing confusion among its listeners." The FCC has not managed to put Brewer off the air - yet. [Wall Street Journal, 21 Oct 97; via Ed Rausch and Keith Bollinger]

Ninth US Circuit Court Judge Claudia Wilkins has DENIED the FCC's request for an injunction against Steve Dunifer and Free Radio Berkeley, meaning the station can continue operating. Wilkins pointed out inconsistencies in the FCC arguments and further stated that the FCC *must* address the constitutional issues involved in refusing to license low-powered FM stations! This fight is not over yet, however; the FCC has no intention of permitting microcasting. [AMPB press release]

A good source for almost everything electronic is Nuts & Volts Magazine. Yup they sent me yet another promo copy, but it's a fact: If you're looking for something it's likely you'll find it in N&V. The publication is primarily classified ads mixed with display ads, but they also have a few feature articles and some DIY construction articles. The November issue features "Build the AK210 Talking Alarm Clock", "Build a \$15 Computer Control Interface for your Scanner", an article about meteor bounce by Gordon West, amateur robotics, and "Software Wizardry" by Harry Helms. You can find free samples at many HamFests or subscribe for US\$19/yr from: Nuts & Volts Magazine, 430 Princeland Ct, Corona, CA 91719. [direct]

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ADD to Box 11522: WRX...

The votes are in and the public has spoken. According to Leonard Longwire of the Voice of Anarchy, the new National Anthem is "The Curly Shuffle" (quite fitting!) and the new interval signal for VoAmerica is "Dueling Banjos". Or, perhaps, *should* be..!

WJFK showed up again this year with his brief transmittion. Wonder whether he'll EVER send QSLs to the people who heard him? Seems like he only verifies people who have never heard him, strangely...

Don't forget that back issues of The Monthly ACE are available for those who want to catch up on history or just want to see what's been going on. All issues from March 1982 thru December 1989 are available for \$2 per issue or \$13 per year, and others may become available in the future. If you need an issue to complete your collection (or whatever), write to PO Box 1, Belfast, NY 14711...

Now is the time to start thinking about the stations you heard during the year 1997 and deciding which you liked and which you didn't like. Yes, the 1997 ACE Pirate Poll will take place as usual; votes will be accepted from 01 Jan 98 until 28 Feb 98. All votes will be counted and your input is urged. More next month...

The Well-Organized Shack

or: How to kill time while waiting for the next Pirate and get more out of the hobby at the same time...

Believe it or not, there's more to this radio-listening hobby than just turning on your radio and listening! For example, unless you write your reception reports in real-time (while the station is on the air), you'll need to keep a log book. But that's not all a well-organized shack needs!

Do you know how many reception reports you've sent out in the last year? Quick: How many are still outstanding? You would know (or at least be able to find out) if you kept a reception report log.

And consider the (shudder) possibility of theft. Say a creep breaks into your shack and steals some of your gear. Would you know exactly what to report stolen AND be able to give the police adequate details? You would if you kept an equipment list - and kept it updated.

True, the most important item (other than the radio and antenna) is the basic log book. If you do things other than chase pirates, you probably should have separate log books for each interest. Consider: Why should you have to dig through your pirate logs to find a MWDX catch you made? You shouldn't have to - and you wouldn't if you had the foresight to spring for a couple extra notebooks! I use spiral-bound "student" notebooks, but you could use loose-leaf sheets and binders for extra flexibility.

What should go into a logbook? ALL pertinent information about a particular log, that's what: Date, time, frequency, ID, signal reports (either SINPO or "S"-meter readings - or both), program info, propagation details, and anything else that may help prove you heard the station. This is true whether you're logging pirates, MW stations, international SW broadcasters, medfers, or even longwave NDBs. Don't restrict yourself into columns; in effect, start a new paragraph for each logging, and keep writing until your hand

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gets tired or the station goes off, whichever comes first.

When you send the report (to the correct maildrop, we hope!), you should enter the information into another notebook: Your reception report record. The important points to note are: The date you mailed the report, the method of mailing (first class or airmail?), whether or not you included return postage (you really should!), and the station reported. You may want additional columns to note the date you get a reply, whether it's a card or letter (or sheet or certificate), the amount of time elapsed, and anything else that may be pertinent (QSL number or other goodies received, for instance). All this information will make it easier for you to track your reports and QSLs, and easier to report your QSLs to VR and other columns.

Your equipment record can be as simple or complete as you wish, although certain information should be considered a must: Manufacturer, model number, and serial number. You can also keep track of your purchase price (so you can calculate replacement cost), and where and from whom you bought the item. (Of course, you should also keep any sales receipts you get.) Most of this info can be kept in computer files and updated easily whenever something changes. Be certain to keep a hard copy in a safe place, however, since these machines are subject to crashes and, even worse, viruses, which can wipe out all your hard work.

Personally, I keep several notebooks on hand for logs and report records, since I want to *keep* that data, not update it. The equipment list is kept on at least two computers for back-up, since that info changes fairly regularly and I'll only want to update it. Like anything else, getting organized is the hardest part, and the longer you put it off the harder it will be to catch up. The best idea is to be organized right from the beginning - but who ever does that?

These are merely suggestions, of course; if you have a method that works better for you, great! And how about telling everybody about it..?

and here's what was slipped

Under The Door

the QSL report for December 1997

Joe "dialogs" Filipkowski checks in with a full data "skeleton" sheet (#18) and letter from Take It Easy Radio signed by Desperado in 44 days, a frequency only "pirate ship" sheet from RYT signed by Dirty White Boy in one month, a full data newsletter (#00500) from Radio Free London in 4.5 months, two full data "quietly taking care of business" cards (#102a & 102b) from Radio Eclipse signed by Steve Mann in three weeks, a full data "goodbye England's rose" card (#44) from Radio 510 (via NAPRS) in 36 days, a full data "radio from hell" card from WRX signed by Jimmy in one month, and a full data sheet (#1260) from WLIS signed by CP in one month.

John McWilliams leapt for joy over a full data sheet (#1225) from WLIS signed by CP in 48 days, a full data sheet from Orbital Mind Control Satellite in 42 days, a full data sheet (#42) and personal note from Radio Eclipse in 79 days, a full data laminated card from WRKO SW signed by Virgin Boy in 48 days, a full data "Independence Day Special" card (#774) from WREC signed by PJ in 60 days, a full data "Dean Martin" sheet with personal note from Lounge Lizard Radio signed by Dean Soundgarden in 74 days, a full data certificate (#7) from Take It Easy Radio signed by the entire gang in 62 days, a full data card (#496) from Radio Azteca signed by Bram in 23 days, and a full data QSL (#48) with infosheets and stickers from Radio 510 in 28 days. [John, Radio 510 was a domestic relay, not a Euro. jta]

Ray Pfaff got a no data sheet from WMFQ in eight weeks, a full data sheet from Alan Masyga Project in eight weeks, a full data certificate (#4) from Take it Easy Radio in 12 weeks, an e-mail "Skull and Crossbones" paper QSL (with promise to send out one snail mail) in 8 hours from Dirty White Boy of WRYT for an e-mail message, QSL #134 in 6 weeks from KRAP, a QSL that has no date on it (so I don't know how long it took) from Radio Metallica signed by Dr. Tornado, and a QSL (#1275) from Radio USA for a report that they didn't verify on 1/25/1992.

Chris Smolinski reports a full data "party elephant" sheet (#15) from La Voz de Mundano Tiempo signed by Eric Williams Stn Mgr in three weeks.

Ye Olde Columniste scored a full data "certificate of reception" sheet from Voice of Anarchy in four months, a full data "radio from hell" card from WRX signed by Jimmy in 16 days, a full data red & black card (#49) from Radio Eurogeek with note from Chuck Putz that said he had misplaced my QSL in 341 days (for 1996 broadcast), and a full data card and letter (#103a & b) from Radio Eclipse signed by Steve Mann with business card in 28 days.

Until next, Merry Christmas, good DX and 73FR...

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The following are the known addresses of active and planned North American Free Radio stations, revised to 24 Nov 1997. MW & FM frequencies given where known.

KEY:

* = also on SW ? = existence questionable BC = broadcast or broadcasting

 $FR = free \ radio$ Mx = Music R = radio $RF = radio \ free$ Intl = international SVC = service $Vo = voice \ of$ $Vot = voice \ of \ the$ Vox = voice

WW = worldwide

770 Sycamore Ave #J193, Vista, CA 92083: Anarchy One, Vot Dead

Box 1, Belfast, NY 14711:

Alternate Elvis?, Anteater R, Atomic Frog, Big Brother R?, Black Rider R, Black Swan R-100.9*, Beck to Beck R, Bullfrog R, Car Show, CELL phone R, CFBN, CNBS, Country Frog, CRSN, East Coast Mx R, High Times R, Hit Parade R, KAOS, KNBS, KOAM, KQRP, KXVN-830//92.7, Liberty!, Microdot R, NAPRS, One Vox R, Orbital Mind Control Satellite, Pan Global Wireless, Primitive R, R Airplane, R Azteca, R Cyclops, RF Euphoria, R Frog Euphoria, R EXP, RFM, RF Speech, R Garbanzo, R Hallowe'en, R Headlights?, RKNA, R Marabu (Germany), R Mindwebs, R Navidad Intl, R Nonsense, R Okeechobee, R One, R Poncho Villa, R USA, Reefer Madness R, SML Ltd, Solid Rock R, Southern Mx R (NZ), The Joint, The Oasis, Union City R, Vo Bob?, Vo Bono, Vot Daleks, Vo Intoxication, Vo Laryngitis, Vo Nothing, Vot Runaway Maharishi, Warthog R, WAZU, WBIG, WCR-89.3, WDRR, WGBR-600//91.5//104.1, Witch City R, WMAD, WMIR, WORK, WPUP, WQSL?, WRAY, WREC, WRRN, WRV, WRVC, WSKY, WTWP, WVOL, WYMN, WYYZ-550//91.7, WWWW, XEROX, Xmas Day R, Z Radio

Box 98, Moline, MI 49335: Omega R.

Box 109, Blue Ridge Summit, PA 17214:

Black Rock R, Cherokee R, CKLW, Crazy Wave R, CSIC, CXDX, Defiance!90, Down East R, East Coast Beer Drinker, F Hope Experience, He Man R, Hitch-Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy Electromagnetic Emissions, Howdy Doody R, KAMP, KAT, KEND, KLBR, KMCR, KRAP, KULP, Midnite R, Mystic Vot Western Prairies, Omega R, Pirate R Trenton, R Anarchy, R Blandx, R Cochiguaz, R Drift?, R Flattus?, R Ganymede?, R Killinger, R Marabu, R Metallica WW, R Neptune Universal Svc, R Pirana Intl, R Politzania?, R Scottish Montreal, Real Alternative R, Revolution R, Samurai R?, Society of Industrialized Music, The Asylum, The Fox, Tube R, Vo Anarchy, Vo BC Freedom, Vot Epileptic Catfish, Vo Monotony?, Vo Normandy, Vot Purple Pumpkin, VoRF Indiana, Vo SW R, Vo Stench?, WAO, Way Gone R, WCTU, WKZP?, WLIQ, WLIS, WNOT, WPBS, WPHI, WREC, WYDX, Wire Line R

Box 146, Stoneham, MA 02180:

Caribbean Sound System, Cellblock 13, K2000, KOLD, Mystery R, Partial India R, Pirate R Boston, Polka SW, R Esoterica, R Magic (Russia), RF Salvation

Box 293, Merlin, ONT NOP 1W0, Canada:

Altered States R, Argosy Magazine, CKXO, CRTC, CSIC, Great Southland, Greater Manchester Celtic R, Happy Hanukkah, Johnny Canuck, Juggernaut R, Laser Hot Hits, Montana Audio Relay Svc, North Jersey Coast R, R Beaver, R Cambodia fm Phnom Phen, R Cando, R Farside, R Fluffernut, R Gemini, R Gloria, R London, R Marabu, R Merlin Intl, R Moody Blue, R Pus, R Scottish Montreal, R Toronto, The Fox, Voice of Helium, VOID, Vo Juliet, Wee Guy R, Wire Line R, WAOJ, WPMS, WRBI, X-Files R

Box 422, Wellsville, NY 14895: Black Swan R-100.9, WDRR, WGBR-91.7

Box 1073, Santa Madre, CA 91025: CHZ

Box 3103, Onekawa, Napier, NZ: KIWI (NZ), R G'day (Aust), Radio Sue (NZ)

Box 3511, La Mesa, CA 91944: KUNT?

Box 11522, Huntsville, AL 35814:

Action R, Females BCing Interference, Grand Ol' Opry R, KCGR, KHAT-1650, KICK, RF Jesus, RF Salvation, RF Spin, R Ogalalla, Vo Bizarro World, Vo F America?, Vo Gilligan?, WEED, WISL, WPN, WRAR, WRX, ZNS4?

PO Box 12-128, Ahuriri, Napier, New Zealand: Jemima

Box 17534, Atlanta, GA 30316: Radio Zebulon

Box 25302, Pittsburgh, PA 15242: Kranker R, R WOLF Intl, Radio X, Rastafarian R, VOID, Vo Stench?

Box 28413, Providence, RI 02908:

6YCAT, 6YVOS, Alan Masyga Project, Big Johnson R, Cat In The Hat, Computer R?, Fake Alan Masyga Project, Friday R, Indira Calling, Jerryrigged R, Jurassic R?, Kansas Midland RR, KDED?, KGDR, KILR, KKN50, KTLA, Northern Mx R (Finland), Office de R et TV du Quebec, Outlaw R, R Ano Nuevo, R Eurogeek, R Fusion R, R is not R, R Nine, R Operation Mindcrime, R Tellus, R Two, Solid State R, The Fox, The Gasman, Up Against t Wall R, Vot Blue & Grey, Vo Christmas, VoHelium, Vot Rock, Vot Runaway Maharishi, Vo Scotland?, XEROX, WBLU, WBYR, WLWLIS, WMFQ, WPRS, WTNT?

When contacting a Free Radio station: Always use the address announced in the broadcast; it is the most current. If no address is announced, use the one listed here. If the station has no listed address, you can try sending a report to one of the major maildrops and crossing your fingers.

Always enclose adequate postage with your report for forwarding and reply. Never expect a 'droperator to pay the postage for your QSL - most will not do so. Enclose three mint First Class stamps if you live in the same country as the station; otherwise US \$1 or a couple IRCs should do the trick. For pirate outside your country, enclose three or four IRCs or a dollar or two. NOTE: do NOT enclose a SASE unless the station specifically requests that you do so.

Remember that announcing a maildrop is not the same thing as guaranteeing a QSL, so don't blame the 'droperator if you never hear from the station. We are not QSL Managers, after all; we only handle the mail. Station Ops should keep their promises.

One final tip: Avoid asking about station location. It's a dumb question that Operators only answer to mislead correspondents. Most Ops, however, will answer questions about power or equipment, and appreciate your technical observations, bandscans and recordings.

If you Operate and desire audience contact, you should use a maildrop service for some semblence of security. There are several "open" 'drops available, including:

Box 1, Belfast, NY 14711 Box 293, Merlin, ONT NOP 1W0, CANADA Box 25302, Pittsburgh, PA 15242 Box 109, Blue Ridge Summit, PA 17214 Box 605, Huntsville, AL 35804 Box 28413, Providence, RI 02908

ALWAYS write for complete details before using anybody's address!

Operators and listeners are requested to confirm activity and address information for periodic updates of this Directory, Send all input to: ACE Directory, POB 1, Belfast, NY 14711.

Thanks are due to: Jerry Coatsworth, Joe Filipkowski, Chris Lobdell, J.D. Stephens, and Andrew Yoder for their assistance updating this list.

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CLANDESTINE PROFILE

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Your loggings, information, and speculations about clandestine radio stations are always welcome for this column. You can send them direct to your editor at 3492 West 123rd Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44111. Or, you can call (216) 941-3366 anytime, or else (216) 696-9077 between 1200-2045 UTC weekdays. You can use George.Zeller@acclink.com for internet e-mail.

SCHWARZENBURG SWISS RADIO INTERNATIONAL CLOSING

The ACE Clandestine Profile is somewhat different in content this month than it normally is. During November when I write the column, my schedule was considerably different than usual because I took a trip to Switzerland. My mother's father and father's grandfather were born in Switzerland, and I've always thought about going over there to see the country. The formerly annual Grove Communications Expo in Atlanta was not held this year in October for the first time in many years, so I had a hole opened up in my schedule. This made a voyage to Switzerland feasible, so I went.

I did take a Sony 77 with me, but I found that I was pretty busy while traveling, and I did very little DXing. I did try to hear some Europirates from my hotel room on a Saturday night, but I had little success and gave up before putting a lot of effort into it. I spent more time looking at European TV to soak up the local culture.

For part of the trip I spent some time in local civil records offices and the Bern Staatarchiv attempting to look up some of my old relatives, many of which we had no record of in the USA. I had a decent amount of success in this research effort. In Zweisimmen, about 50 miles southwest of Bern in the Bernese Oberland area of the Alps, I found my great-great-great-great-great grandfather, Johannes Zeller, who was a lieutenant in the Swiss Army. Since he was born in 1747, I don't think the army was involved in any radio activity, clandestine or otherwise. His son Johannes Zeller Jr. was a judge in Zweisimmen. On my mother's side of the family I found my previously unknown great-great-great grandfather Peter Kratzer of Aeschi bei Spiez, born in 1787. Aeschi is 30 miles directly south of Bern, also at the edge of the Alps. So, your columnist is now a proven hillbilly from Switzerland.

On a Sunday I had tentative plans to take the train up to the top of the highest mountains in the Swiss Alps. However, when I got to Interlaken to look into getting on the train, it was pouring rain. A television monitor at the top of the mountains with a continuous program feed of the view from the top was showing no view at all, except for snow that was falling briskly in front of the camera. So, I changed my plans and went to Schwarzenburg, where the main Swiss Radio International transmitters are located. This is the source of the signal we hear every night on 6135 and 9885 kHz at 0100 UTC.

I had no trouble finding the transmitter, as the huge antenna farm stands out easily as you drive into Schwarzenburg from the east. The transmitter is located only about 20 miles southeast of Bern in central Switzerland. Cows grazed beneath the massive antenna arrays. If you buy imported Swiss cheese, there is some chance that the milk came from cows living right below the SRI transmitter.

I went to the front door of the transmitter building to take a picture. Right at the front door was the SRI engineer in charge of the site, Roland Anderau. Once I explained that I was a DXer on vacation in Switzerland, Roland graciously gave me a thorough tour of the transmitter building. The transmitters actually take up a small part of the building; I saw the 250 Kw unit in service with their Africa programming. The rest of the building is an extremely interesting radio museum. SRI and Roland have a huge collection of antique radio tubes, baluns, and other apparatus that have been used by Swiss radio during the last eight decades. I thought that the most amazing item in the massive collection was the original medium wave transmitter that the Swiss used in Bern in 1921. Its output was 850 watts, and it looked like it was in mint condition. It is a genuine museum piece. In addition, Roland has a gigantic collection of antique radios that were stored in the transmitter building. Quite a few of the models were brand new to me, since the collection was heavily weighted toward European manufacturers that we seldom see. I hated to leave the building, since you could spend days looking at all of Roland's radios.

The story has an unhappy ending. Roland informed me that the Swiss government has decided to close down their shortwave transmitters located within Switzerland in early 1998, including the Schwarzenburg site, the transmitters at Lenk, and other SRI domestic transmitter sites. Swiss Radio International will retain an international shortwave service, but they will lease time for the transmissions from other broadcasters at sites such as in French Guiana. I had not heard this news, and I was somewhat startled. I was immediately reminded of the situation when the Voice of America closed their Bethany relay site in Ohio, despite a prolonged protest by many including VOA engineer and shortwave hobbyist John Vodenik. Roland told me

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that the Swiss were not big protesters, so there was no local controversy about this move. Apparently the issue is one of real estate, much as was the case in Bethany. The village of Schwarzenburg is growing out toward where the transmitter is located, and new houses are being constructed. As more dwellings are occupied, the number of people complaining to the government about TVI from the high powered Schwarzenburg SRI transmitters has steadily increased. I don't know if the cows also filed complaints; they seemed to be grazing in a contented manner while I was there, with their cowbells tinkling constantly.

In any event, if you have not QSL'ed Switzerland over the years, the time to send them a reception report is **NOW**. When the transmitters are shut down, we will lose another shortwave broadcast country. SRI is certainly an easy catch that can in no way be considered tough DX, but when it goes off the air from Schwarzenburg, there will be no active shortwave broadcasts coming from Switzerland.

Finally, Roland told me that when he is laid off by SRI, he plans to go into business with a store specializing in antique radios. He already has a huge inventory of tubes, old radios, and so forth. Roland is interested in corresponding with DXers and radio collectors from North America. If you'd like to contact him, his address is Roland Anderau, Unterdorf Strasse 11, CH-3072 Osteimundigen, Switzerland. Osteimundigen is a suburb of Bern. Tell him that you heard about him in *The ACE*. I certainly thank Roland and his colleagues at Swiss Radio International for a fascinating tour of the history of Swiss radio, and for his excellent hospitality while I visited the transmitter site.

BBCMS CLANDESTINE NEWS

While I was out of the country, the BBC Monitoring Service continued to follow the international radio scene as usual. Courtesy of *Monitoring Times* magazine, we have several items of clandestine news that will be of interest from BBCMS findings.

Australia. The Australian government shelved a proposal to relay the USA's Radio Free Asia via Australian shortwave transmitters. The concept was widely criticized by prominent Australian politicians in late October and early November. On the November 8 edition of VOA's "Communications World," Kim Andrew Elliott said that Australia rejected a proposal for a three month lease of the Darwin transmitter by Radio Free Asia. China and Vietnam had complained about the deal. Its demise was defended by Nick Warner, Australian first assistant secretary of the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Warner cited relations between Australia and China as a factor in the decision. Elliott noted that it was ironic that the Australian government tried to close the Darwin site earlier in 1997 as an economy move on the theory that shortwave broadcasting was an outmoded technology, but that RFA now wanted to lease the site.

Cambodia. The radio station of the Khmer Rouge changed its name on Oct 25 to the Voice of the National United Army. In Cambodian, this ID is "sathani vitthyu samleng kangtoap samakki cheat." BBCMS notes that the former name of this clandestine was Voice of the Great National Union Front of Cambodia. The station was created in 1991 as a merger between the Voice of Democratic Kampuchea and the Voice of the National Army of Democratic Kampuchea. The station has been operated since June 16 by a faction of the Khmer Rouge that broke away from Pol Pot. In an apparently unrelated matter, the Khmer Nation Party newspaper Supordarimean Neak Prayur said in its Oct 20 edition that General Nhoek Bunchhai announced a new clandestine station would broadcast from O Smach "in the near future," following repairs to the market that was destroyed in August during a military engagement.

Colombia. According to the Spanish news agency EFE, two radio stations in Cucuta were bombed on October 17, killing one and injuring three persons. Cucuta is the capital of Norte de Santader Department on the Venezuelan border of northeastern Colombia. The fatality was sound operator Luis Sanguino, who was crushed to death when the wall of the Radio Munumental building collapsed on him following the blast. A second blast destroyed the studio and transmitters of Radio Cadena Nacional, Among the injured at this site was announcer Janeth Suarez. The family of the late senator Jorge Cristo Sahayun owns Radio Monumental. Sahayun was previously killed August 8 during an attack by the ELN, the guerrillas who operate clandestine station Radio Patria Libre from Colombia. Later on October 17 as a result of a "major security operation" in Cucuta, Colombian police arrested nine alleged terrorists who were suspected of participation in the attacks on the radio stations. The Colombian government claimed that the persons who were arrested were ELN members. In a related matter, the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) issued a threat that any radio station who carried political advertising during the Colombian elections would be declared a military target. Thus, the Colombian government increased security in Popayan at the Caracol. Todelar, Super, and Mil 40 radio networks, as well as at the A-4 television network in Popayan. Dozens of candidates for municipal office withdrew from the ballot in Buenos Aires and Santander de Ouilichao after the FARC threats.

Congo. Radio Congo Liberte, the clandestine station of rebel forces led by former military ruler Denis Sassou-Nguesso, has given its name to the international broadcaster from the country. After Sassou-

Nguesso's forces took over the government, Congo's SWBC transmitter identified itself as "Radio Congo Liberte." Sometimes a shorter Radio Liberte identification is used. BBCMS says that they are announcing a schedule from 0700-0900 on 9610 kHz, as well as 1700-2000 UTC on 5985 kHz. BBCMS also notes that as of mid-October, Congolese radio FM transmitters have not been heard following the successful coup. But, transmitters on 93.2 and 96.3 MHz, which formerly had been used by Radio Congo Liberte, are carrying the government radio service. Thus, Radio Congo Liberte moves out of the ranks of clandestines, and into the ranks of government broadcasters.

Eritrea. BBCMS says that two new clandestines are operating here on 9230 kHz, probably using a transmitter in Sudan. The Voice of Free Eritrea (Sawt Eritrea al-Hurrah) operates from 1415-1445 UTC. The Voice of Truth (Sawt al-Haqq) follows from 1445-1500 UTC. The former uses Arabic and Tigrigna, while the latter uses Arabic exclusively. When using Tigrigna, the Voice of Free Eritrea ID is "Derntsi Natsa Eritrea." A nominal frequency of 9300 kHz is announced.

Indonesia. Following a battle in which Indonesian soldiers opened fire on Timorese students on November 14, BBCMS says that RDP Portugese Radio International broadcasts were inaudible in Timor. The Indonesian government jammed the frequency with transmission of a local program.

Palestine. Fadi Shururu, director-general of Al-Quds radio, said the station is having financial difficulties. He blamed the US government for efforts to dry up the sources of financial support this Palestinian clandestine has maintained. They ask for donations, which should go to Arab Bank, Shrawrah branch, in Lebanon, account number 67090-454226-6. BBCMS notes the station is based in Syria.

Peru. The Mexican news agency Nitimex said on Nov 17 that Radio Constelacion, located in Huancayo in Chilca district 310 kms east of Lima, was occupied by Shining Path rebels for 40 minutes. The rebels were hoods while taking over the transmitter. They transmitted a recorded cassette of slogans boosting armed struggle in Peru. Station staff and a visiting journalist were bound and gagged during the incident.

Sierra Leone. The national radio and television service in Sierra Leone went off the air Oct 16 after it was hit by two bombs dropped by Nigerian aircraft from the West African peace force (Ecomog, the ECOWAS Ceasefire Monitoring Group). The destroyed transmitter is located 10 kms from Freetown.

BARRY WILLIAMS HEARS "JAMMER" ON 80 METERS

Longtime ACE member Barry Williams of Alabama reports he has been hearing what sounds like jamming signals in the 80 meter ham band. Barry heard the noise on Nov 5 and 6 on variable frequencies between 3818 and 3820 kHz around 0150 UTC. Barry has also heard this unusual signal on other evenings, including a log on Nov 21 at 0155 with a weak AM carrier on 3818 kHz and a warble jammer adjacent to the carrier on 3820 kHz. Both signals left the air at 0200 UTC on the 21st. ACE member Ulis Fleming of Maryland guesses there is a possibility that this might be a ham transmitter operating in slow scan TV mode, but it is also possible there might be some clandestine activity on the frequency that is leading to the jamming. Both Barry and Ulis wonder if anybody else is hearing this unusual noise in the 80 meter ham band?

WALL STREET JOURNAL COVERS PIRATES

ACE member Gigi Lytle of Texas notes that the Octr 21 edition of the Wall Street Journal contained a long article about a Temple Terrace, Florida pirate station on 102.1 MHz. Doug Brewer operates the station out of his garage, using a slogan of "Tampa's First Party Pirate." Brewer has been fined by the FCC, but remains on the air while litigation continues. Meanwhile, Brewer has applied for a license for the station. Surprisingly, the Journal account is fairly even-handed, giving space to both licensed Tampa broadcasters who have complained and to Brewer. With a "party pirate" format, this obviously is not one of the anti-Castro clandestine-pirates that have peppered the Florida airwaves over the years.

ANARC

ANARC Executive Secretary Mark Meece announced that your columnist George Zeller was recently elected to a two year term through 1999 on the ANARC Executive Board. Thus, if any ACE member has any matters to bring up with the Association of North American Radio Clubs, feel free to let me know. Of course, our Club President Pat Murphy continues as our representative to ANARC. There will be an Executive Board meeting during the 1998 Winter SWL Fest in Kulpsville, Pennsylvania from March 12 to March 14. As usual we should have a good turnout of ACE members at the Fest, and I hope to see many of you there.

THANKS!

This month we thank the following for their direct input to this column: Roland Anderau (Switzerland), Gigi Lytle (Texas), Barry Williams (Alabama), Ulis Fleming (Maryland), Mark Meece (Ohio), and George Zeller (Ohio). Next month I expect to be in the country, so we all hope to hear from YOU by December 20 for the January ACE Clandestine Profile.

Covert Comms

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Conet CD's Now Available!

The wait is finally over. The long-awaited Conet Project numbers station CD's are now being shipped. In case you haven't heard, the Conet Project is a four CD collection of recordings of numbers stations, both past and present. I guess you could call it "Cynthia's Greatest Hits."

In 1995, Irdial-Discs put out a worldwide request for recordings of numbers stations. Numbers monitors from all over the globe (including yours truly) sent in recordings. The resulting product is the world's first and most comprehensive collection of numbers stations ever made publicly available. The CD's contain recordings of just about every numbers station you can think of, and I bet there's quite a few recordings of stations you've never heard before. If you've never heard the Tyrolean music station, you're in for a treat. If you've never heard any numbers stations before, you're really in for a treat.

The collection of recordings spans the entire globe from various stations heard in Europe & North America, to the Chinese-language "New Star" and even an Arabic-language station. Also included are a few recordings of Morse numbers stations. There are also recordings of various unidentified signals heard on the HF bands, such as the "pip," the "crackle," the "buzzer," the "polytone," and the interesting "backwards music station." These and other signals have been heard for several years but never explained.

With the CD set comes a 72 page booklet that describes each recording and talks about numbers stations in general. Also, where known (or suspected), the operating agency of each station is noted. The booklet does a good job of briefly describing each station, but if you want detailed information you'll need to look it up elsewhere. Also in the booklet is a complete transcript of a Lincolnshire Poacher transmission to give you some idea of the format this station uses. I think a worthy addition to the booklet would be sample transcripts of several different numbers stations. There is also a lookup table of virtually every currently operating numbers station which also describes the transmission formats used by each station. This is handy to use to identify which station you are listening to, whether on the CD or on the air.

The booklet also goes into detail about the method designed & used by the ENIGMA newsletter to designate stations. This format is a good system to use for standardization of station ID's. If all numbers monitors refer to the same stations with the same designators, then there will be less confusion as to which station is being referred to. For example, for years the S10 station was referred to as "Bulgarian Betty." This is misleading because this station is not Bulgarian (operated by Czech intelligence), and it's very doubtful her name would be "Betty!" The ENIGMA system arranges the stations by the language or mode used. I'll go into detail on this system next month.

Overall, the CD collection is well-produced. It makes an excellent reference aid for numbers monitors, as well as an introduction to what different stations sound like to the newcomer to this aspect of radio communications. The set is also something interesting to listen to for those that are interested in espionage or intelligence activities. It also makes an interesting record of the history of underground communications.

If you're interested in the Conet CD's, you can contact Irdial-Discs in the UK at irdial@irdialsys.win-uk.net, or by phone at 44-171-351-5842, FAX 44-171-376-4858. Their mailing address is: Irdial-Discs, PO Box 424, London SW3 5DY, England. The discs cost £27.50 Sterling. The discs are also being distributed in the USA by the Dutch East India Trading Co., 45 W 34th St. Room 1001, New York, NY 10001. Their telephone number is 1-212-675-0922, FAX 1-212-630-0879, or e-mail sarah@dutch-east.com. The USA price is \$54.00.

I want to take this space to wish everyone a happy holiday season. I hope Santa brings you every piece of radio equipment you wish for. Maybe if you're really good, you'll find the Conet CD set in your stocking.' See you next year.

Micro 'casting

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The sole purpose of this column is to educate and enlighten about the many facets of Part 15 radio, and beyond-this is YOUR column! Please send all newspaper clippings, tapes, schedules, station profiles and what-have-you to the address above...

Here is some information from an active Microbroadcaster in the Philadelphia, PA area:

Greetings, Microbroadcasters and Supporters:

Radio Mutiny is sponsoring an Eastern US conference for free radio movement. We are currently in the planning stages for an event in March or April 1998. We look forward to a conference in our region akin to the recent ones on the West Coast, in the interest of building a national movement in support of micro-radio. Members of our station have recently visited a number of other free radio stations and we've found the exchange of ideas, strategies, and technical information to be invaluable. Developments like the direct Action Media Network, a service that will allow free radio stations to have our own national news gathering network, make the prospect of a gathering for the pirates in this region even more exciting. Another top priority for us, in our vision for this conference, is to attract people from places that don't have a station yet, and fledgling stations in that hair-pulling stage of getting their stations off of the ground, onto the air. We hope that these groups getting the opportunity to communicate with more seasoned operators will help bring us all closer to the goal of "letting 1000 antennas radiate" which gives greater security to all of us and more strength for our movement.

Because this will be the first conference in our region, and because we have no money to organize it, and because we are already up to our necks developing out station, we're envisioning a pretty informal conference this time around. Housing, food, conference venues and so on should be pretty easy for us to take care of--Philadelphia is a very cheap city, and our community has plenty of resources to accommodate bunches of folks coming through for a few days. But to pull this off we'll need help from other stations like you in making contacts, conducting workshops, and fund-raising for the event.

One thing we'd appreciate is your help with spreading the word about this. If you can send us names and contact info for people who'd be interested, we'd be much obliged. Many people are sensitive about their names and addresses being connected with micro-radio, so if you can't pass on contact info, we'd appreciate being able to send you flyers for the event that you could send on to your contacts.

Another thing is planning workshops. If you have technical skills (audio production, RF troubleshooting, repairing consumer electronics, computer skills with Real Audio, etc., community organizing, fund-raising, and legal expertise might be some good examples), please consider conducting a workshop and sharing your knowledge. People who would like to speak on panels about, for instance, the history of the broadcast industry, better models for regulation of micro-power, internal organization for micro-stations, strategies for building a national movement in support of micro-radio, or anything that you think would be relevant to this conference, please let us know. Although we regret it, we are pretty sure that we will have no way of paying for anyone's transportation or speaking at this event.

Finally we're going to need help fundraising for this event. Radio Mutiny has done many things well, but we're pretty lousy fund-raisers. If you can organize a local benefit to help this event get off the ground, we'll be eternally grateful. We're extremely frugal and won't waste a penny of any money you can find for us. We're thinking of charging \$10-30 sliding scale for the conference, with no one turned away for lack of funds. This will include meals and a place to stay for the weekend.

If you think that you would be interested in helping with the planning for the event, the support activities I just mentioned, or coming to it, please let us know. It's important for us to have a sense of the size of the gathering that we're planning.

We do not envision a formal organization being born from this event, but a loose network of stations with an affinity for each other and able to respond effectively to government harassment, such as that of Napoleon Williams and Mbanna Kantako, is something that we think that our movement will need in the days ahead. The legal limbo which now protects micro-stations that was created by the Dunifer case in California cannot last forever. As a movement, we can start to take steps together that will insure that micro-radio will never be stopped, whatever the government ends up deciding about it.

In Solidarity, Pete triDish Radio Mutiny

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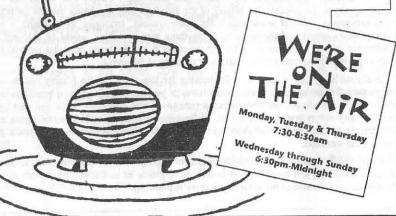
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IMPORTANT SUBSCRIPTION RATE CHANGE

It is with a great deal of sadness that I must inform you of a rate increase in our subscriptions. There will be a postal rate increase this year, printing costs have gone up and its costing more to publish the newsletter than what is coming in. The biggest cost was for mailing to our friends in other countries like England, Germany, New Zealand, Australia and worldwide airmail. It costs \$1.80 an issue to send the newsletter by worldwide airmail and it was eating up our treasury. Do the figures for yourself, it cost \$21.60 a year to send the newsletter oversea's and we were only charging \$27.00. The postage for sending to Canada and Mexico is double for anything in the United States so the new rates actually reflect what it costs for postage. All renewals and new subscriptions will be under the new schedule as of this issue. We've held off for a lot of years but it was beginning to hurt us real bad. Thanks for your support and understanding. Here is the new schedule:

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Happy Holidays to all, it'll be interesting to see what stations show up for the holiday broadcast blitz between Christmas and New Years. It's been an awesome year for pirate listening and activity continues at an all time high level. Enjoy it while it lasts!

Pat Murphy

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